

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Voting Members:

Carol Fukunaga, Chair; Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice-Chair;
Ann H. Kobayashi, Heidi Tsuneyoshi

Committee Meeting Held
February 26, 2020

Honorable Ikaika Anderson
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability, which considered Bill 7 (2020) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWER SYSTEMS,"

which passed first reading at the February 19, 2020, Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to address unsewered properties with individual wastewater disposal systems within improvement districts.

Among other things, this Bill provides that an unsewered property, within an improvement district, that is served by an individual wastewater disposal system that meets State Department of Health requirements shall not be subject to an assessment charge. The Bill further provides that the property owner is not precluded from subsequently connecting to the public sewer, in which case the property would be assessed at the prevailing assessment rate.

The Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Services ("ENV") commented on the measure. Acknowledging that significant investments may have been made by property owners for individual wastewater disposal systems, the ENV Deputy Director noted that the language in the Bill is overly broad and needs further clarification as it relates to City and State requirements.

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Your Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 7 (2020) and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Fukunaga, Kobayashi, Pine, Tsuneyoshi – 4; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

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